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MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. AMBASSADOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT IS KIND OF ALL OF YOU TO MEET ME HERE SO LATE ON THIS SUNDAY EVENING. AND I MUST CONFESS THAT I AM DELIGHTED TO VISIT VIENNA, WHERE SOME OTHER DIPLOMATS HAVE MADE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES IN THE PAST.

AS YOU KNOW, I AM HERE PRIMARILY TO HAVE INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER AND ALSO TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY.

I FELT, TOO, THAT AFTER MY LAST PRESS CONFERENCE IN SALZBURG, I SHOULD APPEAR AGAIN IN AUSTRIA TO SHOW THAT I AM ALIVE AND WELL.

I WANT TO SAY WITH ALL SINCERITY, HOWEVER, THAT THE HOSPITALITY OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THESE MEETINGS IS MOST APPRECIATED. IT DEMONSTRATES AGAIN THE IMPORTANT AND USEFUL ROLE THIS FREE, INDEPENDENT, AND GENUINELY NEUTRAL COUNTRY CONTINUES TO PLAY IN OUR JOINT SEARCH FOR PEACE.

ALSO, ALTHOUGH I AM A FEW DAYS LATE, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL AUSTRIANS ON THEIR GREAT SUCCESSES DURING TWENTY YEARS OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE.

THANK YOU. BUCHANAN

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